



In what ways are the appliances of today different from those of your grandparents' time?

Vernon to New York, he traveled by stage-coach on dirt roads, and the bumpy trip took a week. Today you can drive between the two cities on a smooth superhighway and make the trip in a few hours. Or you can go by plane in one hour.

When George Washington's brother went to England, it took him 40 days to get there on a sailing ship. Today the swift American liner the *United States* would carry him across the Atlantic in less than five days. And if he was in a great hurry, he could fly across on a jet plane in six hours.

**From letter writing to television.** When

Long ago, people had to write letters in order to communicate with distant friends. Today we pick up the phone and talk to friends almost any place in the world.

**From candles to electric lights.** Abraham Lincoln was born in a log cabin that was lighted by candles. When he grew older, he often studied by the light of the fireplace. Today we switch on the electric lights.

Lincoln's mother cooked over a fireplace. We use gas or electric stoves.

Mrs. Lincoln tried to keep food fresh by putting it in a cool spring. Some of her neighbors placed the food in a bucket that



